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To the
Rt. Rev. William Rollinson Whittingham, D.D.
Chairman of Committee
on Cuban Church work

My dear Bishop:—

When I consented to take charge of our work on the Island of Cuba in October 1871— my own support and the necessary funds for the support of the work were guaranteed to me— and with such an understanding I entered heartily upon my duties— but I was soon compelled to make myself personally responsible both only for my own support— but for the necessary expenses of the Mission— in other words. I have been compelled from year to year to solicit subscriptions

to further this work – they are waiting for the Church in this Country to make some demand of – and to use such influence with the Department of State – as may induce some such action – and if the Church is unable to grant these necessary things – without which the work cannot be effectively done – I much beg to be recalled. –

I am afraid to resign – for God has seemingly placed this responsibility upon me and has helped me to bear it and furthermore has added many blessings – such the growth of the work itself and my own health seem to urge my recall unless some definite action can be taken – I am extremely thankful

our donations in this Country, our thanks & back
our of the work - The accounts which I
transmit to you with my report show that
this part of the work has been done.
our there is a balance in the hands
of our treasurer. Unless some definite
action is taken I shall be compelled
to bear this double responsibility for
the next three years - our in Consid-
-eration that my work now covers
a space of 120 miles including
the care of a large hospital at
Havana - I feel bound to ask for a
sufficient guarantee for its support
our for the granting of such assistance
as we need. The Representatives
of foreign powers at Havana are
now looking for some action to be
taken on the part of our Government

for the sympathy and love extended to me by the House of Bishops and for your own love and many kindnesses - and I remain

Sincerely & faithfully Yours,

Edward Kenney

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